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* THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" So far as the selection of municipal commissioners is concerned, the Government are very anxious to have it done by the Public Service Commission. But the Public Service Commission declines to take up this work for some other reason. However, we are still insisting on the Public Service Commission to take up this work."

Harassment of Harijans in Ichiputhur village

* 2087 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government received any representations, dated 30th December 1954, from the Adi-Dravidas of Ichiputhur village, Arkonam taluk (North Arcot district), alleging harassment of Harijans by the village munsif and Sri Ramadoss Reddiar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இச்சிப்புத்தூரில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் மீது தனிப்பட்டோரால் எத்தனை கேஸ்கள் போடப்பட்டன. எத்தனை தள்ளுபடி செய்யப்பட்டன ? எத்தனை கேஸ்கள் வாபஸ் பெறப்பட்டன ? தங்களுக்கு குடியிருக்க நிலம் வேண்டுமென்று கேட்கும் ஹரிஜனங்களின் மீது அக்கிரமமான கொடுமைகள் இழைக்கப்படுவதைத் தவிர்த்து அவர்களுக்கு புறம்போக்கு இடத்தைக் கொடுப்பார்களா ? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. என்னுடைய கேள்விக்கு கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்வதற்குத் தயாராக இருந்தும் அதற்கு பதிலளிக்க அவருக்குச் சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிக்காமலேயே வேறு கேள்விக்கு ஏன் சென்றுவிட்டீர்கள் என்பதை அறியலாமா ? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் கேட்டிருக்கும் மூலக் கேள்விக்கும், தற்போது கேட்டிருக்கும் உப கேள்விக்கும் சம்பந்தமில்லை. ஆகவே வேண்டுமானால் வேறு புதுக் கேள்வி போடுங்கள்.

" The main question is about representations regarding the alleged harassment of Harijans of Ichiputhur village by the village munsif and Sri Ramadoss Reddiar. The hon. Member is putting a supplementary question about poramboke lands. So, it is a separate question."

(Sri A. Ratnam was still standing in his seat.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" There is no point of order at all."

Cultivable lands in Malnad areas in Malabar

* 2088 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the extent of cultivable lands (wet and dry) in the Malnad areas of Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The approximate extent of cultivable area in the Malnad areas in Malabar district is 307, 300 acres ".

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Question No. 2089."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Thirty ex-servicemen, Sir . . . "

(Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar was seen standing in his seat.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I request the Hon. Minister to resume his seat. I am allowing the hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar to put a supplementary question on question No. 2088."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that the extent of cultivable lands (wet and dry) is very small in Malabar, will the Government see that these cultivable lands are given to the peasants who are willing to cultivate them? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Propaganda is carried on to bring all the cultivable lands in the district under cultivation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. Question No. 2088 was passed and the Deputy Speaker was kind enough to go to the next question. The next question is Question No. 2089. The Hon. Minister concerned got up to answer it. Is it in order for the Deputy Speaker to go back to the previous question and then ask an hon. Member to put a supplementary question? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I did not call the hon. Member Sri Arumugam to put his question. I said ' Question No. 2089 '. In the meanwhile, the hon. Member Sri Narayanan Nambiar rose to put a supplementary question. So, I allowed him to put it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whether you call the name of the Member or the number of the question, is it not inconsistent? If you pronounce the number of the question, is that not enough to say that the question is taken up? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" It is not a point of order. I overrule it."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that 3 lakhs odd acres of lands were available in the Malnad areas of Malabar. May I know (*a*) who determines the extent of areas which are declared as Malnad areas and whether the Government of Madras have anything to do with it, and (*b*) whether the Government are prepared to allot a larger amount in the Second Five-Year Plan in view of the large extent of Malnad areas included in the Malabar district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As to who determines the area, I do not have information with me just now. But I have got particulars about every taluk in the Malabar district where the areas concerned have been declared to be Malnad area. Regarding the question of reclamation, it is no doubt very costly. But, still, the question will be considered in the course of the preparation of the Second Five-Year Plan."

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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the Government have a scheme to bring these lands under cultivation either by assigning them to the landless poor or by giving encouragement to the cultivators of the neighbouring localities? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" These lands are mostly private lands belonging to private holders. The cost of reclamation is very heavy. Anyhow, the question of easily bringing the lands under cultivation depends not only on the funds that would be allotted for reclamation but also on the land legislation which we will be considering shortly."

Rehabilitation of ex-servicemen

* 2089 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many ex-servicemen were rehabilitated on Co-operative basis in land colonization in Chennakampalayam, Dharapuram taluk, Coimbatore district;

(*b*) how many acres of land were brought under cultivation;

(*c*) the amount given by the Government for the improvement of the land; and

(*d*) the progress achieved so far?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Thirty ex-servicemen, Sir.

" (*b*) During the last cultivation season 141·42 acres were brought under cultivation—27·47 acres by the ex-servicemen and 111·95 acres by the civilians.

" (*c*) A total amount of Rs. 84,995–13–0; has been spent from Government funds on all capital works. Of this, Rs. 3,333–3–0 was spent on reclamation of lands by manual labour and bulldozer.

" (*d*) The progress of the colony since 1947 has been very disappointing largely on account of failure of monsoons and lack of irrigation facilities."

Lease under 'pakuthi varam'.

* 2090 *Q.*—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether lease under ' pakuthi varam ' has been excluded from the cognizance of the Rent Courts constituted to determine fair rent under the Malabar Tenancy Act; and

(*b*) whether the Rent Court at Ponnani has rejected any application on the ground that such a lease is not under their cognizance?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."